

**CITY OF TEMPE
PARKS AND RECREATION
SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

DEFINITIONS

Recreation Coordinator	Full-time employee of Parks and Recreation directly responsible for administration of the league.
Field/Gym Supervisor:	Part-time employee of Parks and Recreation assigned to coordinate league play at a specific site
Official:	Person(s) on the field to administer the official rules of play. Also includes site supervisor and Parks and Recreation staff.
Coach/Manager:	Person designated as team spokesman. May be a player or non-player.
Individual:	Coach, manager, player, fan or spectator.
Contest Area:	The playing field/court and surrounding area.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

A. Suspended / Ejected Player

1. The site supervisor or game official may suspend a player from a current game.
2. When requested, a suspended player must remove him/her self immediately from the contest area.
3. If a suspended player does not leave the contest area then the team members are responsible for the removal.
4. Two minute clause: At some point a player will be allowed two minutes to leave the contest area. If the time limit is not met the contest will be forfeited to the opponents.
5. A suspended player may remain in the park/gym if they remain orderly. If there are additional out bursts or threats the player will be asked to leave the park/gym. Police assistance may be requested. Failure to leave will cause his/her team to forfeit.

B. Length of Suspension

1. Players suspended from a game will automatically be suspended from the next scheduled game.
2. The league coordinator shall be responsible for suspending players for more than one game.
3. The league coordinator and recreation supervisor shall be responsible for suspending players from further league play.
4. Players removed from further league play cannot be replaced on the roster.
5. Repeated Sports Code of Conduct violations may jeopardize post season participation by the individual or team.
6. The severity of the infraction will determine the penalty and maximum penalties may involve more than one season and more than one sport.
7. Each Sports Code of Conduct incident will be reviewed and the team manager will be informed of the decision within a reasonable length of time.

SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT

A. Physical Contact Misconduct

1. No Individual Shall: At any time strike, shove, threaten to strike, or lay a hand upon an official, player or spectator.
2. No Individual Shall: Use unnecessarily rough tactics during the course of a game.
3. No Individual Shall: Threaten an official, employee, player, or spectator with future violence such as, "I will take care of you later," or "I'll meet you in the parking lot."

4. Assault charges may be filed for the above examples of misconduct.

B. Verbal and Visual Misconduct

1. No Individual Shall: Engage in an abusive, verbal attack upon any official or individual on or off the contest area.
2. No Individual shall: Use trash talk; profane; obscene; or vulgar language, under any circumstances, on or off the contest area.
3. No Individual Shall: Engage in an objectionable demonstration of dissent or unsportsmanlike conduct such as throwing equipment or any other forceful action.
4. No Individual Shall: Except the coach/manager, contend the decisions of an official.

C. General Misconduct

1. No Individual Shall: Refuse to abide by an officials decision.
2. No Individual Shall: Appear in the contest area under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
3. No Individual Shall: Consume alcoholic beverages while the team is participating in a game or in the contest area.

D. Penalties

<u>Minimum Penalty:</u>	Warning by the official or site supervisor.
<u>Medium Penalty:</u>	Suspension from the current game and any subsequent games on the same day.
<u>Medium Penalty:</u>	Official may call the game and award a forfeit victory to the opponent.
<u>Medium Penalty:</u>	League coordinator may suspend the individual/team from between one additional game and from further league play.
<u>Maximum Penalty:</u>	Penalty will be determined after Parks and Recreation staff review.

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